

THE OCALA BANNER.

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MOTTO: THE BANNER, BELIEVING HOSE AT THE TOP WELL ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES, HAS TAKEN ITS STAND IN THE BARRICADES WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, AND ITS FIGHT WILL BE MADE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THOSE AT THE BOTTOM.

It is alleged that a number of those energy-producing breakfast foods are only ground corn cobs.

It is claimed that the Standard Oil Company has a controlling interest in the Texas oil fields.

The Florida Supreme court is going to work in a manner that clearly indicates that it intends to clear that docket.

The farmers of Leon county the past year tried the experiment of planting sea island cotton with gratifying success.

The truckers of the rich Manatee section are reaping a rich reward from their shipments of lettuce, the ruling prices bring from \$8.50 to \$4.50 per crate.—Tampa Herald.

From a compilation of the statistics of the crops and manufacturing interests of Florida, Bradstreet says that the state made very gratifying progress during the year 1902.

The Michigan Central railroad company has brought suit against the state of Michigan for \$6,000,000 for revoking its charter.

Sam Ross wrote a very clever Christmas address for the Pensacola News carriers. Russ, when he tries, is a close rival of James Whitcomb Riley.—Tampa Tribune.

Governor Jennings says that he is too busy to make the race for the United States senate, but says nothing about becoming the vice-presidential nominee.

Editor Tatum, of the Miami Metropolis, claims that, on Christmas day, he and his family caught 222 fish in 2 hours and 22 minutes. This is 2 strong, Brother Tatum.—Tampa Tribune.

The Tampa Tribune, South Florida's leading morning newspaper, has made splendid improvements lately, and Tampa and the counties surrounding Hillsborough have a right to be proud of Stovall's enterprise. The Tribune is going into every nook and corner of South Florida, and it should do so.—Metropolis.

It's So Easy

To take cold. It's so common to neglect the cold. That is one reason why there are so many people with "deep-seated," stubborn coughs, and so many more with "lung trouble."

The short, quick way to cure a cough is to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The quicker this remedy is used the quicker the cure. But even when neglect has let disease fasten on the lungs, "Golden Medical Discovery" may be relied on to cure in ninety-eight cases out of every hundred.

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"I am feeling quite well," writes Miss Dorcas A. Lewis, of No. 1129 1/2 St. Washington, D. C. "My cough is very much better, and I owe it all to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I cannot say too much in praise of the medicine. I had been quite a sufferer for a long time, and after reading Doctor Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser thought I would try his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I commenced taking it in May, 1902. Had not been sleeping well for a long time. Took one teaspoonful of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and slept nearly all night without coughing, so I continued taking it. I am in great sympathy with every body who suffers with a cough. I had been a sufferer for more than ten years. I tried lots of different medicines and different doctors, but did not feel much better. I coughed until I commenced spitting blood, but now I feel much stronger and am entirely well. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best medicine I have ever taken. My home is in Williamsburg, Virginia."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a ladies' laxative. No other medicine equals them for gentleness and thoroughness.

NO INTERIOR CITY.

On the first day of January three of the largest grocery establishments in the state were consolidated and are now known as the "Consolidated Grocery Company." It has a capital of a half million dollars all paid up.

Senator C. B. Rogers, one of the shrewdest and most observant business men in Florida, is at the head of this great concern. Senator Rogers has made a thorough study of the business situation in the state and will have branch establishments at Tampa and Pensacola, but it is observed in its article of incorporation that it will have no branch establishment in any interior city, although the distance overland from Pensacola to Key West covers a territory of more than seven hundred miles.

The business of this firm, we mean in the sale of its goods, will be done almost entirely in the interior of the state.

Here are located the great lumber, turpentine, phosphate, fruit and farming industries, but no branch establishment of this great firm will be located near them.

Is this not a recognition of the fact that it is impossible for a wholesale establishment to survive in the interior of Florida?

It is not so in any other state in the union.

Georgia has her Atlanta; Alabama her Birmingham, and there are a few interior cities scattered all over Texas, which have large manufacturing and wholesale establishments, but it seems that no such good luck by any combination of circumstances, the discovery or establishment of any sort of industries and the shrewdest business judgment, can do that much for Florida—no interior city can be built in the interior of this state.

Her sea ports alone are to become cities. Why is this?

Simply and solely because its freight rates will not permit anything else.

These freight rates crush out anything like a wholesale business anywhere in the interior of the state.

Gainesville, Ocala and other interior cities have tried it, but they find it impossible for even the fittest and strongest to survive.

If Ocala expects to become a city she must do something to command the freight situation. If she does not, all her labors will have been in vain.

The only thing that presents itself to us is for Ocala to build a private railroad of her own to the St. Johns river and form an alliance there with the Clyde Steamship Company. She can then make satisfactory rates, enter into competition with the sea-port cities, and being near the great lumber, phosphate, turpentine, fruit and farming industries, will be in a position to grow into a city with leaps and bounds.

The Ocala board of trade should take up this matter, give it serious consideration and discuss it with energy and determination.

The distance to the St. Johns river is less than thirty miles!

We should not let these thirty miles stand in the way of our prosperity.

Just a Little Puzzling.

The Metropolis wishes the Florida editors continued prosperity for 1903. They are certainly a talented lot of fellows. They have a duty devolving upon them that they fulfill and that is to help the people curb the trusts. The prices of commodities must come down.

Next sentence:

With Charles B. Rogers at the head of the biggest mercantile establishment in the state Florida can well be proud. No more sagacious business man on the continent could have been chosen for the great work.—Metropolis.

The Frank Harris gubernatorial joke is no longer alive. Stovall, however, proved a regular "Joe Miller."—Metropolis. Well, let's all pull together and boom Stovall. He is young, energetic, diplomatic, brainy. An editor must be elected governor of Florida. Why not Stovall?

Did the Cold do Damage?

As far as we can ascertain very little damage was done by the late freeze Candler, Lake Weir, Lady Lake and of course all places further south report very little if any damage done.

A GOOD MOTTO FOR 1903.

That was a genuine and pleasant New Year's surprise the Jacksonville Metropolis sprung on the people of Florida in its announcement of the reconciliation of Mr. John N. C. Stockton and ex-Senator Wilkinson Call.

In this reconciliation these gentlemen set an example that others will do well to follow.

Politics should not be made a matter of personal enmity.

We believe that our servants in public stations are honest and their efforts to promote the general welfare are clean and commendable and where this is not true it is the exception and not the rule.

Men are not supposed to see things alike and often pursue different methods to reach the same ends.

Even in the matter of religion there are many gates leading to the Celestial City.

If factionalism were buried in Florida it would be helpful to the democratic party and helpful to the growth of the state and we hope that the example of Messrs. Stockton and Call will have many imitators and the people of Florida will look on a scene of general hand shaking among long warring factions and a renewal of friendships among long standing enemies.

Let bygones be bygones and all pull together for the up building of the state will be a good motto for 1903.

Dyke and Bloxham in 1865.

The reproduction by the Ocala Banner a few weeks ago of its slate for state offices in 1880—composed entirely of editors—recalls the distinguished name that headed the ticket for governor, that of the late C. E. Dyke, of the Tallahassee Floridian. And the announcement suggests a story related to the writer by Governor Bloxham while visiting Palatka in 1892. If lawyers seek inspiration at the shrine of Marshall, the great justice, and soldiers find in Napoleon's maxims a guide to glory, so, in a local sense, Florida editors recognize in Capt. Dyke's career an epitome of those graces that stand for healthy journalism. During this visit Governor Bloxham called at our office, and the conversation turned to Dyke and his long and illustrious career in the newspaper field. Bloxham emerged from the civil war a ragged confederate soldier. Dyke, who commanded a battery in that struggle, returned to Tallahassee to find the Floridian office confiscated by the United States authorities.

"During the summer of 1865" remarked the governor, "I spent several days at Capt. Dyke's home, a short distance from Tallahassee. One afternoon we were lying on the front veranda discussing the calamity that had befallen the country, and the dark future that lay before the people of the south. Finally Dyke produced a half dollar, tossed it into space, and as it again reposed in his hand, said: 'Bloxham, this is all the money I have in the world.'"

"Well, replied the future governor, that is fifty cents more than I possess."

Capt. Dyke subsequently regained possession of his office, soared high in his profession and retired on a competency. Bloxham's fame is known to all, and the circumstance narrated indicates what may be wrought from the depths of woe by a determination to rise again.—Palatka Herald.

A Good Recommendation.

"I have noticed that the sale on Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets is almost invariably to those who have once used them," says Mr. J. H. Weber, a prominent druggist of Cascade, Iowa. What better recommendation could any medicine have than for people to call for it when again in need of such a remedy? Try them when you feel dull after eating, when you have a bad taste in your mouth, feel bilious have no appetite or when troubled by constipation, and you are certain to be delighted with the prompt relief which they afford.—For sale by Anti-Monopol Drug Store.

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IS PRAYER ANSWERED?

A correspondent writes: "I know what the preachers say about it, but, singularly enough, I want an editor's opinion, 'Is prayer answered?'"

What is prayer? And who offers prayer? And what does he pray for?

There is an old hymn which says: "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed."

Given the petitioner who asks for a proper answer to his prayer, and who really desires what he asks for—that man's prayer is answered.

It is in the very nature of things. It is based on scientific fact.

Darwin has told us and Spencer has illustrated the fact that thought-desire is the method of creation.

All things come through desire. The deer runs because it wants to run, and has thus evolved the parts necessary for its running. The fish has fins because it wants to swim. The bird flies because it desires to fly. All animate nature is what it is because it desires to be so. It couldn't be different.

To give a concrete example of an answered prayer:

An individual prays to be a useful, helpful citizen. If he is sincere in his prayer he desires what he prays for. And through that desire, in time, he becomes what he prays for.

In this sense a man answers his own prayer.

It is the Law of Being that you are transformed into the likeness of that which you desire.

George Eliot wrote "Silas Marner" to illustrate that law.

No power on earth or in hell can prevent a man from being a good man if he desires to be. His wish, his prayer will mold him. He may know nothing about the law of assimilation or reflex action. But his prayer will be answered just the same.

You say this eliminates God? No, it simply proves that God uses man to answer man's prayers.

A prayer without soul in it, a prayer without sincere desire in it, a prayer without longing in it, is blasphemy.—Hearst's New York American.

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It is a fact! Frank Clark is again in the state and registers at hotels from Lake City. Glad you are back, Frank. We expect to hear from you soon. Don't exactly know what you'll land on first, but something will turn up for you, sure.—Madison Enterprise.

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To grow strong. Unless we get good meat we may as well let it alone. There is no strength in tough meat—instead of giving, it takes strength to digest it. It pays to be careful in buying meat—be sure to get the best—tender and choice. Pay a little more if need be and put something in your stomach which will put flesh on your bones and strong blood in your heart.

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